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Other: Response; Copy of 1243 OG 1040 (February 27, 2001); Copy of claims issued in U.S. Patent No. 6,180,768 \$ 0.00

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